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SUBJECT: SECY DENT/MINISTER LEE MEETING; MCI'S VIEWS

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1. SUMMARY. EMBOFFS CALLED ON MCI OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS WASHINGTON VISIT OF MINISTER LEE NAK SUN AND OBTAIN MCI'S VIEW ON LEE'S DISCUSSIONS WITH SECY DENT. END SUMMARY.

2. COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR CALLED ON KIM CHUL SU, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (MCI) TO DISCUSS RECENT WASHINGTON VISIT OF MCI MINISTER LEE NAK SUN AND CLARIFY EMBASSY'S IMPRESSION, BASED UPON KOREAN PRESS REPORTS (REF A), OF ISSUES RAISED AT THE MEETING. KIM WAS NOT PRESENT AT WASHINGTON MEETINGS ALTHOUGH HE WAS MEMBER OF ROKG VISITING GROUP. HE BRIEFED US FROM NOTES TAKEN FOR OFFICIAL MCI REPORT ON MEETINGS.

3. WE WERE INFORMED THAT SECY DENT AND MINISTER LEE DISCUSSED THE FERROUS SCRAP SUPPLY SITUATION, WITH LEE AGAIN REQUESTING "SPECIAL CONSIDERATION" FOR KOREA'S REQUIREMENT OF 1.6 MILLION TONS IN 1974. ACCORDING
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TO MCI OFFICIAL, NO COMMITMENT WAS MADE BUT SECY

DENT EXPRESSED HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION IN TERMS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF 5TH MINISTERIAL JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

4. IN REGARD TO PETROLEUM, MINISTER URGED U.S. TO TAKE LARGER ROLE IN PETROLEUM POLICY AROUND THE WORLD. SECY DENT EXPLAINED ENERGY POLICY WAS NUMBER ONE US POLICY CONSIDERATION AND OUTLINED EFFORT BEING MADE TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY BY 80'S.

5. MR FLANIGAN AND ASST. MIN. CHUNG REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED MUSHROOM ISSUE WITH CHUNG REITERATING ESTABLISHED POSITION. POST-GATT NEGOTIATIONS ON KOREAN TEXTILE BILATERAL RAISED BY CHUNG WITH PLEA FOR QUOTA INCREASE. FLANIGAN REPLIED THAT CONTENTS WOULD BE REVISED. FLANIGAN ALSO REPORTEDLY INFORMED CHUNG THAT TRADE REFORM BILL WAS NOT WEAPON TO CONTROL BILATERAL TRADE BUT OVERALL MECHANISM FOR IMPROVEMENT OF FAIR TRADE.

6. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS NO COMMITMENT MADE ON 6TH MINISTERIAL MEETING. MINISTER SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE NICE TO MEET ON WEST COAST, PERHAPS SPOKANE IN MAY.

7. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF MCI'S UNDERSTANDING OF CONTENTS WASHINGTON MEETINGS. HABIB

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